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(54) **Amine reaction compounds comprising one or more active ingredient**

(57) The present invention relates to a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine and one or more active ingredient. By the present invention, there is provided a release of the active component over a longer period of time than by the use of the active itself.

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Description

Field of the invention

[0001] The present invention relates to a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component, in particular an active aldehyde or ketone, more preferably an aldehyde or ketone perfume. More particularly, it relates to such product of reaction for use in softening compositions.

Background of the invention

[0002] Perfumed products are well-known in the art. However, consumer acceptance of such perfumed products like softening products is determined not only by the performance achieved with these products but also by the aesthetics associated therewith. The perfume components are therefore an important aspect of the successful formulation of such commercial products.

[0003] It is also desired by consumers for treated fabrics to maintain the pleasing fragrance over time. Indeed, perfume additives make such compositions more aesthetically pleasing to the consumer, and in some cases the perfume imparts a pleasant fragrance to fabrics treated therewith. However, the amount of perfume carried-over from an aqueous laundry bath onto fabrics is often marginal and does not last long on the fabric. Furthermore, fragrance materials are often very costly and their inefficient use in laundry and cleaning compositions and ineffective delivery to fabrics results in a very high cost to both consumers and laundry and cleaning manufacturers. Industry, therefore, continues to seek with urgency for more efficient and effective fragrance delivery in laundry and cleaning products, especially for improvement in the provision of long-lasting fragrance to the fabrics.

[0004] One solution is to use carrier mechanisms for perfume delivery, such as by encapsulation. This is taught in the prior art and described in U.S. 5,188,753.

[0005] Still another solution is to formulate compounds which provide a delayed release of the perfume over a longer period of time than by the use of the perfume itself. Disclosure of such compounds may be found in WO 95/04809, WO 95/08976 and co-pending application EP 95303762.9.

[0006] However, notwithstanding the advances in the art, there is still a need for a compound which provides a delayed release of the active component, in particular a perfume ingredient.

[0007] That need is even more acute for perfume ingredients which are characteristic of the fresh notes, namely the aldehydes and ketones perfume ingredients. Indeed, whilst these provide a fresh fragrance, these perfumes are also very volatile and have a low substantivity on the surface to be treated like fabrics.

[0008] Accordingly, it is a further object of the invention to provide a softening composition comprising a perfume component which provides a fresh fragrance and is substantive to the treated surface.

[0009] The Applicant has now found that specific reaction products of an amino functional polymer with an active aldehyde or ketone, such as imines compounds, also provide a delayed release of the active such as a perfume.

[0010] Imine compounds are known in the art under the name of Schiff bases which is the condensation of an aldehyde perfume ingredient with an anthranilate. A typical description can be found in US 4853369. By means of this compound, the aldehyde perfume is made substantive to the fabrics. However, a problem encountered with these Schiff bases is that the methylantranilate compound also exhibits a strong scent, which as a result produces a mixture of fragrances, thereby reducing or even inhibiting the aldehyde fragrance perception.

[0011] To achieve such perfume composition with comparable aldehyde or ketones fresh notes whilst still having satisfactory fabric substantivity, perfumers have formulated around the composition. For example, by having a carrier or encapsulating material for such notes such as with cyclodextrin, zeolites or starch.

[0012] Still another solution is the use of a glucosamine as described in JP 09040687. However, this compound has been found to give a very low stability in the wash process. As a result, insufficient perfume residuality on the treated fabric has been found with these glucosamine compounds. Its use in softening composition is not disclosed.

[0013] A further solution is described in Chemical release control, Kamogawa et Al., J. Poly. Sci. Polym. Chem. Ed. Vol 20, 3121 (1982) which describes the use of amino styrene compounds condensed with aldehydes perfumes, whereby the release of the perfume is triggered by means of copolymerisation or acidification of the compound. Its application is however not mentioned.

[0014] The Applicant has now found that a reaction product between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component also fulfill such a need.

[0015] Another advantage of the compounds of the invention is their ease of manufacture rendering their use most desirable.

Summary of the invention

[0016] The present invention relates to product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol, Dry Surface Odour Index of more than 5.

[0017] In another aspect of the invention, there is provided a softening composition comprising the reaction

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product of an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol.

[0018] In a further aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of delivering residual fragrance to a surface which comprises the steps of contacting said surface with a compound or composition of the invention and thereafter contacting the treated fabric with a material so that the active is released from the reaction product between the amine and the active.

Detailed description of the invention

[0019] The essential component of the invention is a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol, Dry Surface Odour Index of more than 5.

[0020] When incorporated in softening compositions, the amine reaction product is a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol.

[0021] Preferably, this compound has a Dry Surface Odour Index of more than 5.

I-Product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine functional group and a perfume component

[0022] An essential component of the invention is a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and a perfume component, so called hereinafter "amine reaction product".

A-Primary amine

[0023] By "primary amine", it is meant a component which carries at least one primary amine and/or amide function.

[0024] The primary amine compound is also characterized by an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol.

Odour Intensity Index method

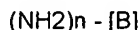
[0025] By Odour Intensity Index, it meant that the pure chemicals were diluted at 1 % in Dipropylene Glycol, odor-free solvent used in perfumery. This percentage is more representative of usage levels. Smelling strips, or so called "blotters", were dipped and presented to the expert panellist for evaluation. Expert panellists are assessors trained for at least six months in odor grading and whose gradings are checked for accuracy and reproducibility versus a reference on an on-going basis. For each amine compound, the panellist was presented two blotters: one reference (Me Anthranilate, unknown from the panellist) and the sample. The panellist was asked to rank both smelling strips on the 0-5 odor intensity scale, 0 being no odor detected, 5 being very strong odor present.

Results:

[0026] The following represents the Odour Intensity Index of an amine compound suitable for use in the present invention and according to the above procedure. In each case, numbers are arithmetic averages among 5 expert panellists and the results are statistically significantly different at 95% confidence level:

Methylantranilate 1 % (reference)	3.4
1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-piperazine (BNPP) 1%	1.0

[0027] A general structure for the amino functional polymer containing at least one primary amine group of the present invention, is as follows:



wherein n is an index of at least 1 and B is the polymer backbone. B can optionally comprise a branching group, C and hence the amino functional polymer is of the following formula:

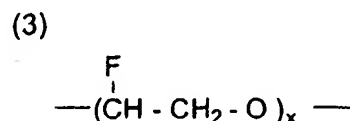
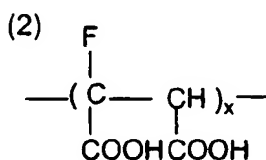
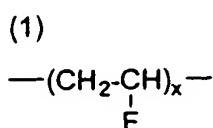


[0028] The amino functional polymer of the present invention contains at least one free, unmodified primary amino group attached to the main chain by hydrogen substitution, or by other suitable insertion or substitution by groups referred to as R*. Also suitable is the amino functional polymer comprising an unmodified primary amino group present on side chain(s).

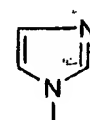
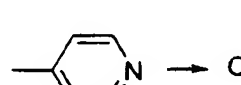
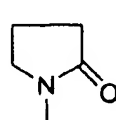
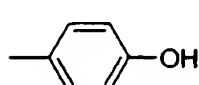
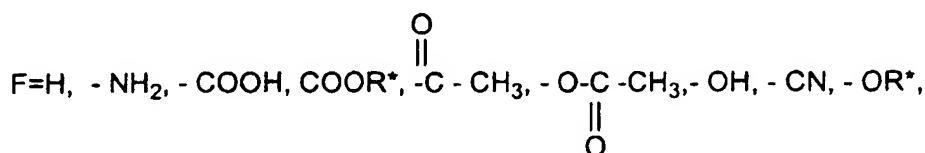
[0029] Preferably, the amino functional polymers of the present invention will comprise more than one amino groups, more preferably more than 10 amino groups. The amino functional polymers of the present invention will preferably present a molecular weight (MW) ranging from 150 to 2.10E6; more preferably from 400-50,000; most preferably from 600 to 40,000.

[0030] The amino functional polymer can be a linear homo-, co-polymer and optionally branched, grafted and/or cross-linked.

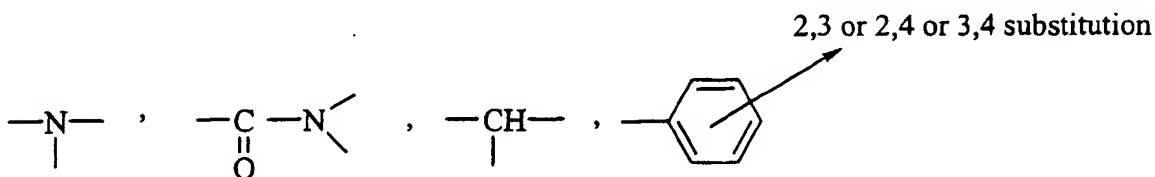
[0031] Suitable polymer backbone B for the purpose of the present invention have the following polymer units :



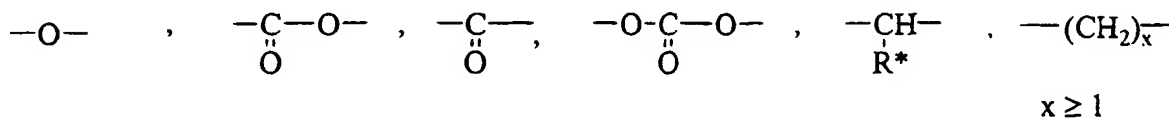
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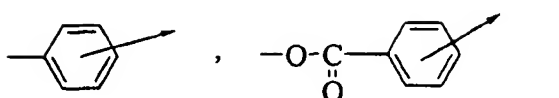
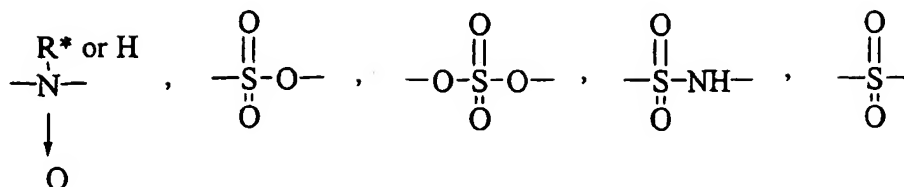
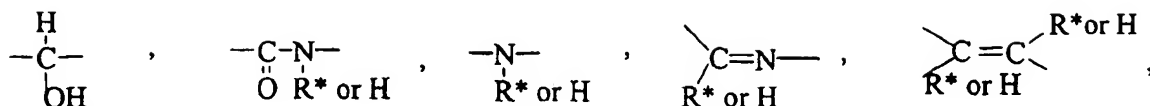


[0032] Suitable branching units C for the polymer backbone B are :

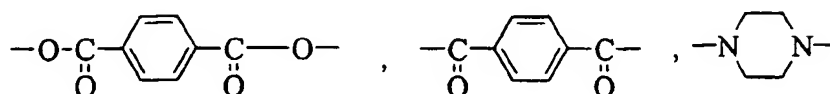


[0033] The polymer backbone B can also comprise insertion groups I such as :

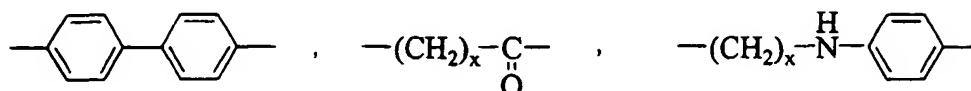




[0034] The arrow indicates substitution in position 2,3 or 4



[0035] The backbone (B) can also contain several insertion groups linked together: e.g.

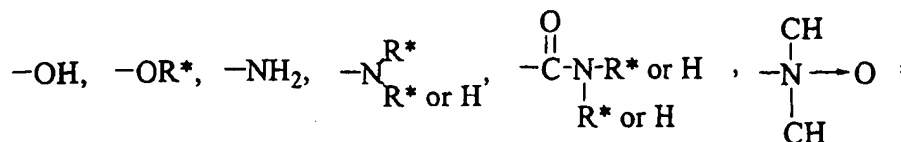


wherein $x \geq 1$.

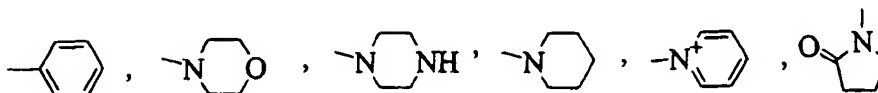
[0036] The aminofunctional polymers of the present invention can further comprise substituents R^* in the main chain or in the side chain(s). Typically, R^* replaces an hydrogen atom. This R^* group can either be linked directly or via a linker group L to the main or side chain. Suitable linker groups L are the above mentioned insertion groups I.

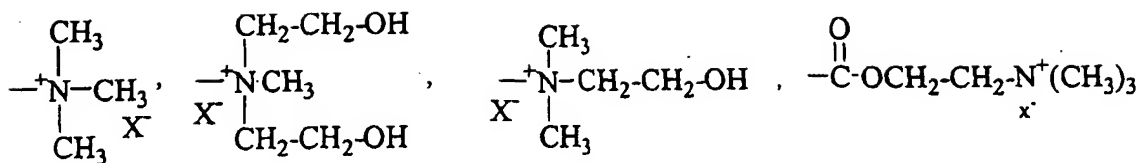
[0037] R^* groups are C1 to C22 alkyl, alkenyl, alkylbenzene chain and/or their corresponding substituted derivatives. Such corresponding substituted derivatives include alicyclic, aromatic, heteroaromatic or heterocyclic systems, either inserted in the main chain or incorporated by a substitution of an H atom in the main chain; an insertion group I in the main chain, as defined herein above and/or an end group E as defined below.

[0038] Further, the polymer backbone B and R^* encompass end groups E. Typically end groups E can be an H, NH_2 groups, an aromatic, alicyclic, heteroaromatic or heterocyclic group including mono-, di-, oligo-, poly-saccharides :



$\text{---SO}_3\text{H}$, $\text{---OSO}_3\text{H}$, ---COOH , ---COOR^* ,





wherein X^- is an anion like Cl^- , Br^- , SO_4^{2-} .

[0039] In addition, the R^* group can also be modified via substitution of one or more H atoms. Said substitution can either be an end group E or an insertion group I as defined above, where the insertion group is terminated by a H, E or R^* group.

[0040] Examples of suitable amino functional polymers containing at least one primary amine group for the purpose of the present invention are :

- Polyvinylamine with a MW of about 300-2.10E6;
- Polyvinylamine alkoxyated with a MW of about 600, 1200 or 3000 and an ethoxylation degree of 0.5;
- Polyvinylamine vinylalcohol - molar ratio 2:1, polyvinylaminevinylformamide - molar ratio 1:2 and polyvinylamine vinylformamide ratio molar 2:1;
- Triethylenetetramine, diethylenetriamine, tetraethylenepentamine;
- Bis-aminopropylpiperazine;
- Polyamino acid (L-lysine / lauric acid in a molar ratio of 10/1), Polyamino acid (L-lysine / aminocaproic acid / adipic acid in a molar ratio of 5/5/1), Polyamino acid (L-lysine / aminocaproic acid / ethylhexanoic acid in a molar ratio of 5/3/1) Polyamino acid (polylysine-cocaprolactam);
- amino substituted polyvinylalcohol with a MW ranging from 400-300,000;
- polyoxyethylene bis [amine] available from e.g. Sigma;
- polyoxyethylene bis [6-aminohexyl] available from e.g. Sigma;
- N,N'-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine linear or branched (TPTA); and
- 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl) piperazine (BNPP).

[0041] Preferred amino functional polymers containing at least one primary amine group are :

- polyvinylamines with a MW ranging from 600, 1200, 3K, 20K, 25K or 50K;
- amino substituted polyvinylalcohol with a MW ranging from 400-300,000;
- polyoxyethylene bis [amine] available from e.g. Sigma;
- polyoxyethylene bis [6-aminohexyl] available from e.g. Sigma;
- N,N'-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine linear or branched (TPTA)
- 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl) piperazine (BNPP).

[0042] Furthermore, such amino functional polymers comprising at least one primary amine group and the amine reaction product provide fabric appearance benefits, in particular color care and protection against fabric wear.

The appearance of fabrics, e.g., clothing, bedding, household fabrics like table linens is one of the area of concern to consumers. Indeed, upon typical consumer's uses of the fabrics such as wearing, washing, rinsing and/or tumble-drying of fabrics, a loss in the fabric appearance; which can be at least partly due to loss of color fidelity and color definition, is observed. Such a problem of color loss is even more acute after multiwash cycles. It has been found that the compositions of the present invention provide improved fabric appearance and protection against fabric wear and improved color care to laundered fabrics, especially after multiwash cycles.

[0043] Therefore, the softening compositions of the present invention can provide simultaneously fabric care and long lasting perfume benefits.

B-Active ketone and/or aldehyde

[0044] Preferably, for the above mentioned compounds, by active ketone or active aldehyde, it is meant any chain containing at least 1 carbon atom, preferably at least 5 carbon atoms.

[0045] Preferably, the active ketone or active aldehyde is respectively selected from a flavour ketone or aldehyde ingredient, a pharmaceutical ketone or aldehyde active, a biocontrol ketone or aldehyde agent, a perfume ketone or aldehyde component and mixtures thereof.

[0046] Flavour ingredients include spices, flavor enhancers that contribute to the overall flavour perception.

[0047] Pharmaceutical actives include drugs.

[0048] Biocontrol agents include biocides, antimicrobials, bactericides, fungicides, algacides, mildewcides, disinfectants, antiseptics, insecticides, vermicides, plant growth hormones.

[0049] A typical disclosure of suitable ketone and/or aldehydes, traditionally used in perfumery, can be found in "perfume and Flavor Chemicals", Vol. I and II, S. Arctander, Allured Publishing, 1994, ISBN 0-931710-35-5.

[0050] Perfume ketones components include components having odoriferous properties.

[0051] Preferably, for the above mentioned compounds, the perfume ketone is selected for its odor character from buccoxime; iso jasmone; methyl beta naphthyl ketone; musk indanone; tonalid/musk plus; Alpha-Damascone, Beta-Damascone, Delta-Damascone, Iso-Damascone, Damascenone, Damarose, Methyl-Dihydrojasmonate, Menthone, Carvone, Camphor, Fenchone, Alpha-Ionone, Beta-Ionone, Gamma-Methyl so-called Ionone, Fleuramone, Dihydrojasmonone, Cis-Jasmone, Iso-E-Super, Methyl- Cedrenyl-ketone or Methyl- Cedrylone, Acetophenone, Methyl-Acetophenone, Para-Methoxy-Acetophenone, Methyl-Beta-Naphtyl-Ketone, Benzyl-Acetone, Benzophenone, Para-Hydroxy-Phenyl-Butanone, Celery Ketone or Livescone, 6-Isopropyldecahydro-2-naphtone, Dimethyl-Octenone, Freskomenthe, 4-(1-Ethoxyvinyl)-3,3,5,5,-tetramethyl-Cyclohexanone, Methyl-Heptenone, 2-(2-(4-Methyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)propyl)-cyclopentanone, 1-(p-Menthen-6(2)-yl)-1-propanone, 4-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-butanone, 2-Acetyl-3,3-Dimethyl-Norbomane, 6,7-Dihydro-1,1,2,3,3-Pentamethyl-4(5H)-Indanone, 4-Damascol, Dulcinyol or Cassione, Gelsone, Hexalon, Isocyclemon E, Methyl Cyclocitronone, Methyl-Lavender-Ketone, Orivon, Para-tertiary-Butyl-Cyclohexanone, Verdone, Delphone, Muscone, Neobutenone, Plicatone, Veloutone, 2,4,4,7-Tetramethyl-oct-6-en-3-one, Tetrameran.

[0052] More preferably, for the above mentioned compounds, the preferred ketones are selected for its odor character from Alpha Damascone, Delta Damascone, Iso Damascone, Carvone, Gamma-Methyl-Ionone, Iso-E-Super, 2,4,4,7-Tetramethyl-oct-6-en-3-one, Benzyl Acetone, Beta Damascone, Damascenone, methyl dihydrojasmonate, methyl cedrylone, and mixtures thereof.

[0053] Perfume aldehyde components include components having odoriferous properties.

[0054] Preferably, for the above mentioned compounds, the perfume aldehyde is selected for its odor character from adoxal; anisic aldehyde; cymal; ethyl vanillin; florhydral; helional; heliotropin; hydroxycitronellal; koavone; lauric aldehyde; lyral; methyl nonyl acetaldehyde; P. T. buccinal; phenyl acetaldehyde; undecylenic aldehyde; vanillin; 2,6,10-trimethyl-9-undecenal, 3-dodecen-1-al, alpha-n-amyl cinnamic aldehyde, 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, benzaldehyde, 3-(4-tert butylphenyl)-propanal, 2-methyl-3-(para-methoxyphenyl) propanal, 2-methyl-4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-2(1)-cyclohexen-1-yl) butanal, 3-phenyl-2-propenal, cis-/trans-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-al, 3,7-dimethyl-6-octen-1-al, [(3,7-dimethyl-6-octenyl)oxy] acetaldehyde, 4-isopropylbenzaldehyde, 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydro-8,8-dimethyl-2-naphthaldehyde, 2,4-dimethyl-3-cyclohexen-1-carboxaldehyde, 2-methyl-3-(isopropylphenyl)propanal, 1-decanal; decyl aldehyde, 2,6-dimethyl-5-heptenal, 4-(tricyclo[5.2.1.0(2,6)]-decylidene-8)-butanal, octahydro-4,7-methano-1H-indenecarboxaldehyde, 3-ethoxy-4-hydroxy benzaldehyde, para-ethyl-alpha, alpha-dimethyl hydrocinnamaldehyde, alpha-methyl-3,4-(methylenedioxy)-hydrocinnamaldehyde, 3,4-methylenedioxybenzaldehyde, alpha-n-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, m-cymene-7-carboxaldehyde, alpha-methyl phenyl acetaldehyde, 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanal, Undecenal, 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 4-(3)-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)-3-cyclohexenecarboxaldehyde, 1-dodecanal, 2,4-dimethyl cyclohexene-3-carboxaldehyde, 4-(4-hydroxy-4-methyl pentyl)-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 7-methoxy-3,7-dimethyloctan-1-al, 2-methyl undecanal, 2-methyl decanal, 1-nonanal, 1-octanal, 2,6,10-trimethyl-5,9-undecadienal, 2-methyl-3-(4-tertbutyl)propanal, dihydrocinnamic aldehyde, 1-methyl-4-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde, 5 or 6 methoxyhexahydro-4,7-methanoindan-1 or 2-carboxaldehyde, 3,7-dimethyloctan-1-al, 1 -undecanal, 10-undecen-1-al, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy benzaldehyde, 1-methyl-3-(4-methylpentyl)-3-cyclohexenecarboxaldehyde, 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl-octanal, trans-4-decenal, 2,6-nonadienal, paratolylacetaldehyde; 4-methylphenylacetaldehyde, 2-methyl-4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-2-butenal, ortho-methoxycinnamic aldehyde, 3,5,6-trimethyl-3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde, 3,7-dimethyl-2-methylene-6-octenal, phenoxyacetaldehyde, 5,9-dimethyl-4,8-decadienal, peony aldehyde (6,10-dimethyl-3-oxa-5,9-undecadien-1-al), hexahydro-4,7-methanoindan-1-carboxaldehyde, 2-methyl octanal, alpha-methyl-4-(1-methyl ethyl) benzene acetaldehyde, 6,6-dimethyl-2-norpinene-2-propionaldehyde, para methyl phenoxy acetaldehyde, 2-methyl-3-phenyl-2-propen-1-al, 3,5,5-trimethyl hexanal, Hexahydro-8,8-dimethyl-2-naphthaldehyde, 3-propyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]-hept-5-ene-2-carbaldehyde, 9-decenal, 3-methyl-5-phenyl-1-pentanal, methylnonyl acetaldehyde, hexanal, trans-2-hexenal, 1-p-menthene-q-carboxaldehyde and mixtures thereof.

[0055] More preferred aldehydes are selected for its odor character from 1-decanal, benzaldehyde, florhydral, 2,4-dimethyl-3-cyclohexen-1-carboxaldehyde; cis/trans-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-al; heliotropin; 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde; 2,6-nonadienal; alpha-n-amyl cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-n-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, P.T. Buccinal, lyral, cymal, methyl nonyl acetaldehyde, hexanal, trans-2-hexenal, and mixture thereof.

[0056] In the above list of perfume ingredients, some are commercial names conventionally known to one skilled

in the art, and also includes isomers. Such isomers are also suitable for use in the present invention.

[0057] In another embodiment, especially suitable for the purpose of the present invention are the perfume compounds, preferably the perfume ketones or aldehydes, characterised by having a low Odor Detection Threshold. Such Odor Detection Threshold (ODT) should be lower than 1ppm, preferably lower than 10ppb - measured at controlled Gas Chromatography (GC) conditions such as described here below. This parameter refers to the value commonly used in the perfumery arts and which is the lowest concentration at which significant detection takes place that some odorous material is present. Please refer for example in "Compilation of Odor and Taste Threshold Value Data (ASTM DS 48 A)", edited by F. A. Fazzalari, International Business Machines, Hopwell Junction, NY and in Calkin et al., Perfumery, Practice and Principles, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., page 243 et seq (1994). For the purpose of the present invention, the Odor Detection Threshold is measured according to the following method :

The gas chromatograph is characterized to determine the exact volume of material injected by the syringe, the precise split ratio, and the hydrocarbon response using a hydrocarbon standard of known concentration and chain-length distribution. The air flow rate is accurately measured and, assuming the duration of a human inhalation to last 0.02 minutes, the sampled volume is calculated. Since the precise concentration at the detector at any point in time is known, the mass per volume inhaled is known and hence the concentration of material. To determine the ODT of a perfume material, solutions are delivered to the sniff port at the back-calculated concentration. A panelist sniffs the GC effluent and identifies the retention time when odor is noticed. The average over all panelists determines the threshold of noticeability. The necessary amount of analyte is injected onto the column to achieve a certain concentration, such as 10 ppb, at the detector. Typical gas chromatograph parameters for determining odor detection thresholds are listed below.

GC: 5890 Series II with FID detector

7673 Autosampler

Column: J&W Scientific DB-1

Length 30 meters ID 0.25 mm film thickness 1 micron

Method:

Split Injection: 17/1 split ratio

Autosampler: 1.13 microliters per injection

Column Flow: 1.10 mL/minute

Air Flow: 345 mL/minute

Inlet Temp. 245°C

Detector Temp. 285°C

Temperature Information

Initial Temperature: 50°C

Rate: 5C/minute

Final Temperature: 280°C

Final Time: 6 minutes

Leading assumptions: 0.02 minutes per sniff

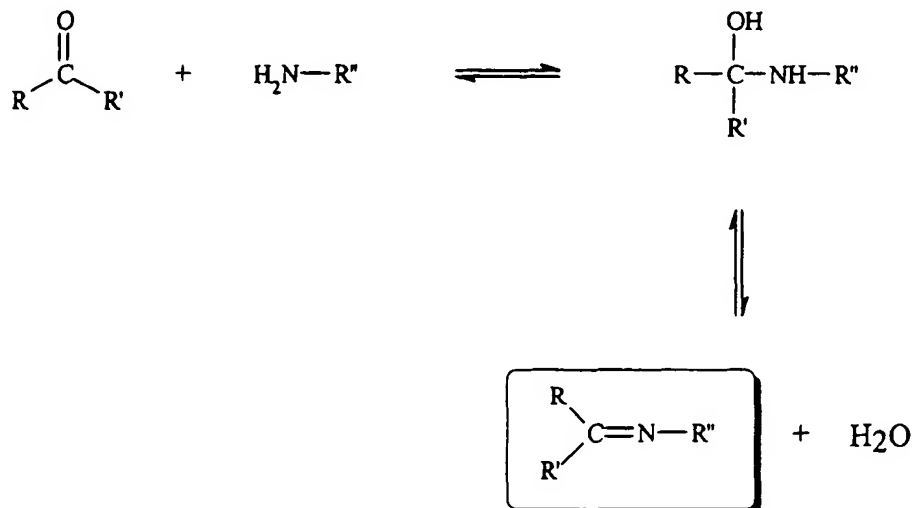
GC air adds to sample dilution

[0058] Examples of such preferred perfume components are those selected from : 2-methyl-2-(para-isopropylphenyl)-propionaldehyde, 1-(2,6,6-trimethyl-2-cyclohexan-1-yl)-2-buten-1-one and/or para-methoxy-acetophenone. Even more preferred are the following compounds having an ODT \leq 10ppb measured with the method described above : undecylenic aldehyde, undecalactone gamma, heliotropin, dodecalactone gamma, p-anisic aldehyde, para hydroxyphenyl-butanone, cymal, benzyl acetone, ionone alpha, p.t. bucinal, damascenone, ionone beta and methyl-nonyl ketone.

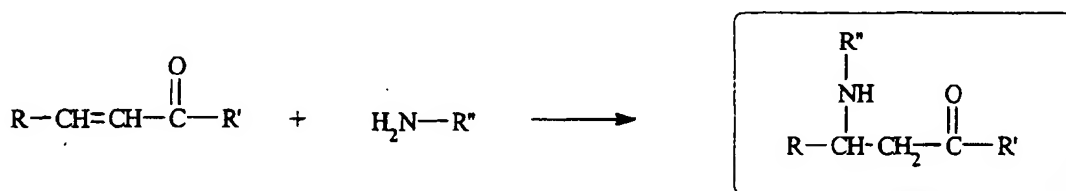
Process

[0059] Preparation of the component is made as follows in the Synthesis Examples. In general, the nitrogen analogs of ketones and aldehydes are called azomethines, Schiff bases or the more preferred name imines. These imines can easily be prepared by condensation of primary amines and carbonyl compounds by elimination of water.

[0060] A typical reaction profile is as follows:



α,β -Unsaturated ketones do not only condense with amines to form imines, but can also undergo a competitive 1,4-addition to form β -aminoketones.



[0061] By means of this simple method, compound and composition containing said compounds are made which achieve a delayed release of the active ingredient.

[0062] As can be observed, the perfume ingredient needs to be present in equimolar amount to the amine function so as to enable the reaction to take place and provide the resulting amine reaction product. Of course, higher amounts are not excluded and even preferred when the amine compound comprises more than one amine function.

Mechanism of release

[0063] By the present invention, a delayed release of a perfume ingredient, i.e. ketone or aldehyde is obtained. Not to be bound by theory, the release is believed to occur by the following mechanisms:

[0064] For imine compounds, the perfume components are released upon breaking down of the imine bond, leading to the release of the perfume component and of the primary amine compound. This can be achieved by either hydrolysis, photochemical cleavage, oxidative cleavage, or enzymatic cleavage.

[0065] For β -aminoketone compounds, treatment with air moisture and/or water successfully releases the perfume component and the primary amine compound. However, other means of release are not excluded like hydrolysis, photochemical cleavage, oxidative cleavage, or enzymatic cleavage.

[0066] Still other means of release for imine as well as β -aminoketone compounds can be considered such as by the steaming step of ironing the treated fabric, tumble-drying, and/or wearing.

Applications compositions

[0067] The present invention's application compositions include compositions where there is a need of a delayed release of an active ketone or aldehyde. This includes compositions for use in the rinse such as softening compositions, personal cleansing such as shower gels, deodorants, bars, shampoos; stand alone compositions such

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deodorising compositions, insecticides, etc...

[0068] Preferred are those compositions which result in contacting the compound of the invention with fabric. These are to be understood to include compositions such as rinse added fabric softener compositions and dryer added compositions (e.g. sheets) which provide softening and/or antistatic benefits.

[0069] Preferably, the amine reaction product(s) which is incorporated into such compositions provides a dry surface Odour Index of more than 5, preferably at least 10.

[0070] By Dry Surface Odour Index, it is meant that the amine reaction product(s) provides a Delta of more than 5, wherein Delta is the difference between the Odour Index of the dry surface treated with amine reaction product(s) and of the Odour Index of the dry surface treated with only the perfume raw material.

Measurement method of Dry Surface Odour Index for fabric surface

Product preparation:

[0071] The amine reaction product is added to the unperfumed product base. Levels of amine reaction product are selected so as to obtain an odour grade on the dry fabric of at least 20. After careful mixing, by shaking the container in case of a liquid, with a spatula in case of a powder, the product is allowed to sit for 24 hrs.

Washing process:

[0072] The resulting product is added into the washing machine in the dosage and in the dispenser appropriate for its category. The quantity corresponds to recommended dosages made for the corresponding market products: typically between 70 and 150 g for a detergent powder or liquid via current dosing device like granulette, or ariellette, and 25 and 40 ml for a liquid fabric softener. The load is composed of four bath towels (170g) using a Miele W830 washing machine at 40°C short cycle, water input :15°Hardness at a temperature of 10-18°C, and full spin of 1200rpm.

[0073] The same process is applied for the corresponding free perfume ingredient in consideration and is used as the reference. Dosages, fabric loads and washing cycles for the reference and the sample are identical.

Drying Process:

[0074] Within two hours after the end of the washing cycle, spinned but still wet fabrics are assessed for their odors using the scale mentioned below. Afterwards, half of the fabric pieces are hung on a line for 24 hr drying; away from any possible contaminations. Unless specified, this drying takes place indoor. Ambient conditions are at temperature between 18-25C and air moisture between 50-80%. The other half is placed in a tumble drier and undergoes a full "very dry" cycle, i.e. in a Miele, Novotronic T430 set on program white-extra dry (full cycle). Tumble dry fabrics are also assessed on the next day. Fabrics are then stored in opened aluminum bags in an odor free room, and assessed again after 7 days.

Odor Evaluations:

[0075] Odor is assessed by expert panellists smelling carefully the fabrics. A 0-100 scale is used for all fabric odor gradings. The grading scale is as follows :

100 = extremely strong perfume odor

75 = very strong perfume odor

50 = strong odor

40 = moderate perfume odor

30 = slight perfume odor

20 = weak perfume odor

10 = very weak perfume odor

0 = no odor

[0076] A difference of more than 5 grades after 1 day and/or 7 days between the amine reaction product and the perfume raw material is statistically significant. A difference of 10 grades or more after one day and/or 7 days represents a step-change. In other words, when a difference of grade of more than 5, preferably at least 10 is observed between the amine reaction product and the perfume raw material, after either 1 day or 7 day or both 1 day and 7 days, it can be concluded that the amine reaction product is suitable for use in the present invention, provided

that the amine compound fulfill the Odour Intensity Index.

[0077] The amine reaction product as defined herein before is typically comprised from 0.0001% to 10%, preferably from 0.001% to 5%, and more preferably from 0.01% to 2%, by weight of the composition. Mixtures of the compounds may also be used herein.

[0078] Incorporation of the amine reaction product in the invention compositions can conveniently, if necessary, be carried out by conventional incorporation means, such as by spray-on, encapsulation like starch encapsulation, e.g. such as described in GB1464616, dry addition, or by encapsulation in cyclodextrin. Preferably, the amine reaction product is preformed before incorporation into the invention compositions. In other words, the perfume component and the amine compound are first reacted together to obtain the resulting amine reaction product as defined in the present invention and only once formed incorporated into the invention compositions. By being preformed before the incorporation in fully formulated composition, a better control of the compound being made is obtained. Hence, the interaction with perfume composition which may be present in fully formulated composition is avoided as well as side reaction that could occur. Further, by such means of incorporation, efficient control of the yield and purity of the compound is obtained.

[0079] Most preferably, when the invention composition comprises a perfume, the amine reaction product is incorporated in the composition separately from the perfume. By this means, the amine reaction product and its subsequent perfume release is more controlled.

[0080] Typically the invention composition comprises surfactancy ingredients such as a fabric softening agent, or a surfactant as described hereinafter as optional ingredients.

[0081] When the compositions comprises a softening agent, the resulting composition is a softening composition.

Fabric Softening Agents:

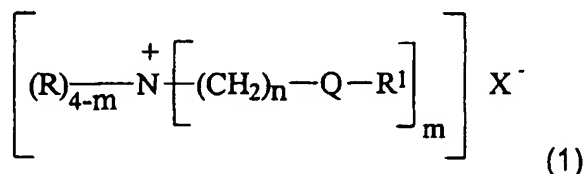
[0082] A fabric softener component provides softness and antistatic properties to the treated fabrics. When used, the fabric softener component will typically be present at a level sufficient to provide softening and antistatic properties.

[0083] Said fabric softening component may be selected from cationic, nonionic, amphoteric or anionic fabric softening component.

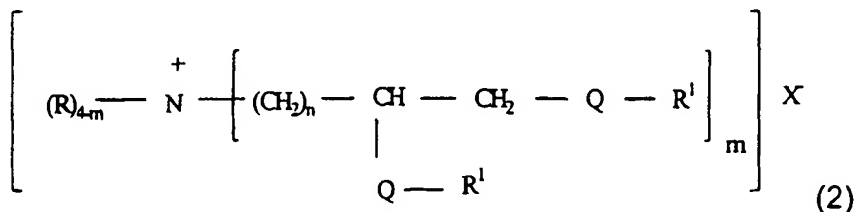
[0084] Typical of the cationic softening components are the quaternary ammonium compounds or amine precursors thereof as defined hereinafter.

A)-Quaternary Ammonium Fabric Softening Active Compound

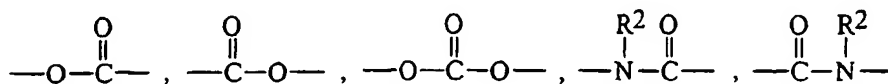
[0085] (1) Preferred quaternary ammonium fabric softening active compound have the formula



or the formula:



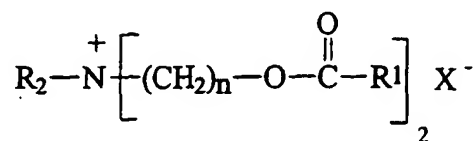
wherein Q is a carbonyl unit having the formula:



each R unit is independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, and mixtures thereof, preferably methyl or hydroxy alkyl; each R¹_a unit is independently linear or branched C₁₁-C₂₂ alkyl, linear or branched C₁₁-C₂₂ alkenyl, and mixtures thereof, R²_a is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ hydroxyalkyl, and mixtures thereof; X is an anion which is

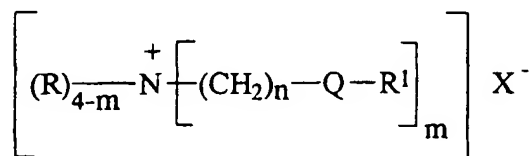
compatible with fabric softener actives and adjunct ingredients; the index m is from 1 to 4, preferably 2; the index n is from 1 to 4, preferably 2.

[0086] An example of a preferred fabric softener active is a mixture of quaternized amines having the formula:

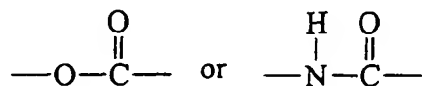


wherein R is preferably methyl; R^1 is a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl chain comprising at least 11 atoms, preferably at least 15 atoms. In the above fabric softener example, the unit $-O_2CR^1$ represents a fatty acyl unit which is typically derived from a triglyceride source. The triglyceride source is preferably derived from tallow, partially hydrogenated tallow, lard, partially hydrogenated lard, vegetable oils and/or partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, such as, canola oil, safflower oil, peanut oil, sunflower oil, corn oil, soybean oil, tall oil, rice bran oil, etc. and mixtures of these oils.

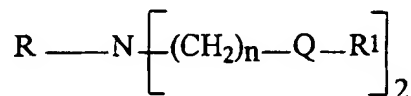
[0087] The preferred fabric softening actives of the present invention are the Diester and/or Diamide Quaternary Ammonium (DEQA) compounds, the diesters and diamides having the formula:



wherein R, R^1 , X, and n are the same as defined herein above for formulas (1) and (2), and Q has the formula:

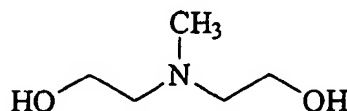


[0088] These preferred fabric softening actives are formed from the reaction of an amine with a fatty acyl unit to form an amine intermediate having the formula:

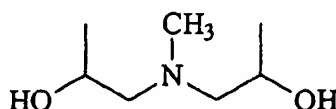


wherein R is preferably methyl, Q and R^1 are as defined herein before; followed by quaternization to the final softener active.

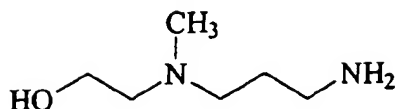
[0089] Non-limiting examples of preferred amines which are used to form the DEQA fabric softening actives according to the present invention include methyl bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amine having the formula:



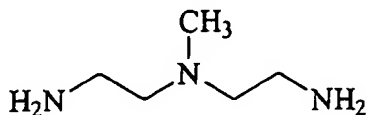
methyl bis(2-hydroxypropyl)amine having the formula:



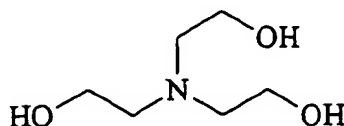
methyl (3-aminopropyl) (2-hydroxyethyl)amine having the formula:



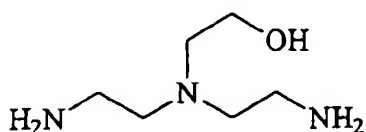
methyl bis(2-aminoethyl)amine having the formula:



triethanol amine having the formula:



di(2-aminoethyl) ethanolamine having the formula:



[0090] The counterion, $\text{X}^{(-)}_{\text{a}}$ above, can be any softener-compatible anion, preferably the anion of a strong acid, for example, chloride, bromide, methylsulfate, ethylsulfate, sulfate, nitrate and the like, more preferably chloride or methyl sulfate. The anion can also, but less preferably, carry a double charge in which case $\text{X}^{(-)}_{\text{a}}$ represents half a group.

[0091] Tallow and canola oil are convenient and inexpensive sources of fatty acyl units which are suitable for use in the present invention as R^1_{a} units. The following are non-limiting examples of quaternary ammonium compounds suitable for use in the compositions of the present invention. The term "tallowyl" as used herein below indicates the R^1_{a} unit is derived from a tallow triglyceride source and is a mixture of fatty acyl units. Likewise, the use of the term canoly refers to a mixture of fatty acyl units derived from canola oil.

Table II
Fabric Softener Actives

N,N-di(tallowyl-oxy-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(tallowyl-oxy-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(tallowyl-oxy-ethyl)-N-methyl, N-(2-hydroxyethyl) ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(canolyloxy-ethyl)-N-methyl, N-(2-hydroxyethyl) ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(2-tallowyloxy-2-oxo-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(2-canolyloxy-2-oxo-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride
N,N-di(2-tallowyloxyethylcarbonyloxyethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N,N-di(2-canolyloxyethylcarbonyloxyethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N-(2-tallowyloxy-2-ethyl)-N-(2-tallowyloxy-2-oxo-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N-(2-canolyloxy-2-ethyl)-N-(2-canolyloxy-2-oxo-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N,N,N-tri(tallowyl-oxy-ethyl)-N-methyl ammonium chloride;
N,N,N-tricanolyloxy-ethyl)-N-methyl ammonium chloride;
N-(2-tallowyloxy-2-oxoethyl)-N-(tallowyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
N-(2-canolyloxy-2-oxoethyl)-N-(canoly)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride;
1,2-ditallowyloxy-3-N,N,N-trimethylammoniopropane chloride; and
1,2-dicanolyloxy-3-N,N,N-trimethylammoniopropane chloride;

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Fabric Softener Actives

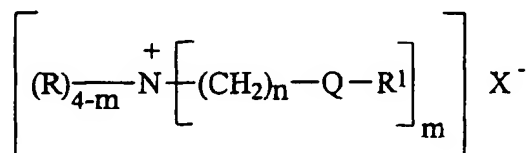
and mixtures of the above actives.

[0092] Other examples of quaternary ammonium softening compounds are methylbis(tallowamidoethyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)ammonium methylsulfate and methylbis(hydrogenated tallowamidoethyl)(2-hydroxyethyl) ammonium methylsulfate; these materials are available from Witco Chemical Company under the trade names Varisoft® 222 and Varisoft® 110, respectively.

[0093] Particularly preferred is N,N-di(tallowoyl-oxy-ethyl)-N,N-dimethyl ammonium chloride, where the tallow chains are at least partially unsaturated.

[0094] The level of unsaturation contained within the tallow, canola, or other fatty acyl unit chain can be measured by the Iodine Value (IV) of the corresponding fatty acid, which in the present case should preferably be in the range of from 5 to 100 with two categories of compounds being distinguished, having a IV below or above 25.

[0095] Indeed, for compounds having the formula:



derived from tallow fatty acids, when the Iodine Value is from 5 to 25, preferably 15 to 20, it has been found that a *cis/trans* isomer weight ratio greater than 30/70, preferably greater than 50/50 and more preferably greater than 70/30 provides optimal concentrability.

For compounds of this type made from tallow fatty acids having a Iodine Value of above 25, the ratio of *cis* to *trans* isomers has been found to be less critical unless very high concentrations are needed.

Other suitable examples of fabric softener actives are derived from fatty acyl groups wherein the terms "tallowyl" and "canolyl" in the above examples are replaced by the terms "cocoyl, palmoyl, lauryl, oleyl, ricinoleyl, stearyl, palmityl," which correspond to the triglyceride source from which the fatty acyl units are derived. These alternative fatty acyl sources can comprise either fully saturated, or preferably at least partly unsaturated chains.

[0096] As described herein before, R units are preferably methyl, however, suitable fabric softener actives are described by replacing the term "methyl" in the above examples in Table II with the units "ethyl, ethoxy, propyl, propoxy, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl and t-butyl."

[0097] The counter ion, X, in the examples of Table II can be suitably replaced by bromide, methylsulfate, formate, sulfate, nitrate, and mixtures thereof. In fact, the anion, X, is merely present as a counterion of the positively charged quaternary ammonium compounds. The scope of this invention is not considered limited to any particular anion.

[0098] For the preceding ester fabric softening agents, the pH of the compositions herein is an important parameter of the present invention. Indeed, it influences the stability of the quaternary ammonium or amine precursors compounds, especially in prolonged storage conditions.

The pH, as defined in the present context, is measured in the neat compositions at 20 °C. While these compositions are operable at pH of less than 6.0, for optimum hydrolytic stability of these compositions, the neat pH, measured in the above-mentioned conditions, must preferably be in the range of from 2.0 to 5, preferably in the range of 2.5 to 4.5, preferably 2.5 to 3.5. The pH of these compositions herein can be regulated by the addition of a Bronsted acid.

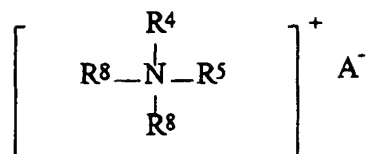
Examples of suitable acids include the inorganic mineral acids, carboxylic acids, in particular the low molecular weight (C₁-C₅) carboxylic acids, and alkylsulfonic acids. Suitable inorganic acids include HCl, H₂SO₄, HNO₃ and H₃PO₄. Suitable organic acids include formic, acetic, citric, methylsulfonic and ethylsulfonic acid. Preferred acids are citric, hydrochloric, phosphoric, formic, methylsulfonic acid, and benzoic acids.

[0099] As used herein, when the diester is specified, it will include the monoester that is normally present in manufacture. For softening, under no/low detergent carry-over laundry conditions the percentage of monoester should be as low as possible, preferably no more than 2.5%. However, under high detergent carry-over conditions, some monoester is preferred. The overall ratios of diester to monoester are from 100:1 to 2:1, preferably from 50:1 to 5:1, more preferably from 13:1 to 8:1. Under high detergent carry-over conditions, the di/monoester ratio is preferably 11:1. The level of monoester present can be controlled in the manufacturing of the softener compound.

[0100] Mixtures of actives of formula (1) and (2) may also be prepared.

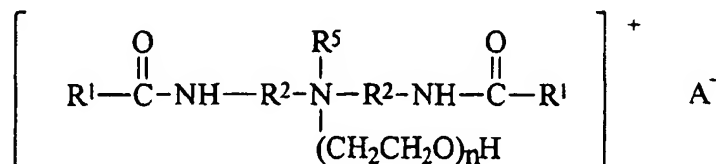
[0101] 2)-Still other suitable quaternary ammonium fabric softening compounds for use herein are cationic nitrogenous salts having two or more long chain acyclic aliphatic C₈-C₂₂ hydrocarbon groups or one said group and an arylalkyl group which can be used either alone or as part of a mixture are selected from the group consisting of:

(i) acyclic quaternary ammonium salts having the formula:



wherein R^4_{a} is an acyclic aliphatic $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}$ hydrocarbon group, R^5_{a} is a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ saturated alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group, R^8_{a} is selected from the group consisting of R^4_{a} and R^5_{a} groups, and A^- is an anion defined as above;

(ii) diamino alkoxyated quaternary ammonium salts having the formula:



wherein n is equal to 1 to 5, and R^1_{a} , R^2_{a} , R^5_{a} and A^-_{a} are as defined above;

(iii) mixtures thereof.

[0102] Examples of the above class cationic nitrogenous salts are the well-known dialkyldimethylammonium salts such as ditallowdimethylammonium chloride, ditallowdimethylammonium methylsulfate, di(hydrogenatedtallow)dimethylammonium chloride, distearyldimethylammonium chloride, dibehenyldimethylammonium chloride. Di(hydrogenatedtallow)di methylammonium chloride and ditallowdimethylammonium chloride are preferred. Examples of commercially available dialkyldimethyl ammonium salts usable in the present invention are di(hydrogenatedtallow)dimethylammonium chloride (trade name Adogen® 442), ditallowdimethylammonium chloride (trade name Adogen® 470, Praepagen® 3445), distearyl dimethylammonium chloride (trade name Arosurf® TA-100), all available from Witco Chemical Company. Dibehenyldimethylammonium chloride is sold under the trade name Kemamine Q-2802C by Humko Chemical Division of Witco Chemical Corporation. Dimethylstearylbenzyl ammonium chloride is sold under the trade names Varisoft® SDC by Witco Chemical Company and Ammonyx® 490 by Onyx Chemical Company.

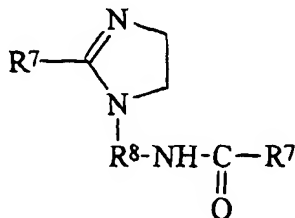
B)-Amine Fabric Softening Active Compound

[0103] Suitable amine fabric softening compounds for use herein, which may be in amine form or cationic form are selected from:

(i)- Reaction products of higher fatty acids with a polyamine selected from the group consisting of hydroxyalkylalkylenediamines and dialkylenetriamines and mixtures thereof. These reaction products are mixtures of several compounds in view of the multi-functional structure of the polyamines.

The preferred Component (i) is a nitrogenous compound selected from the group consisting of the reaction product mixtures or some selected components of the mixtures.

One preferred component (i) is a compound selected from the group consisting of substituted imidazoline compounds having the formula:



wherein R^7_{a} is an acyclic aliphatic $\text{C}_{15}\text{-C}_{21}$ hydrocarbon group and R^8_{a} is a divalent $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ alkylene group.

Component (i) materials are commercially available as: Mazamide® 6, sold by Mazer Chemicals, or Ceranine® HC, sold by Sandoz Colors & Chemicals; stearic hydroxyethyl imidazoline sold under the trade names of Alkazine® ST by

Alkaryl Chemicals, Inc., or Schercozoline® S by Scher Chemicals, Inc.; N,N'-ditallowalkoyldiethylenetriamine; 1-tallowamidoethyl-2-tallowimidazoline (wherein in the preceding structure R¹_a is an aliphatic C₁₅-C₁₇ hydrocarbon group and R⁸_a is a divalent ethylene group).

Certain of the Components (i) can also be first dispersed in a Bronsted acid dispersing aid having a pKa value of not greater than 4; provided that the pH of the final composition is not greater than 6. Some preferred dispersing aids are hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, or methanesulfonic acid.

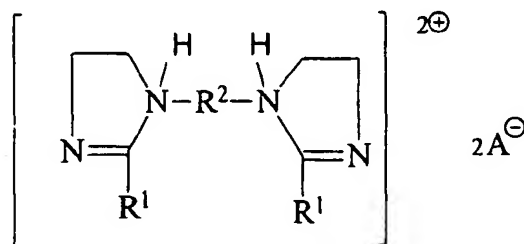
Both N,N'-ditallowalkoyldiethylenetriamine and 1-tallow(amidoethyl)-2-tallowimidazoline are reaction products of tallow fatty acids and diethylenetriamine, and are precursors of the cationic fabric softening agent methyl-1-tallowamidoethyl-2-tallowimidazolinium methylsulfate (see "Cationic Surface Active Agents as Fabric Softeners," R. R. Egan, Journal of the American Oil Chemicals' Society, January 1978, pages 118-121). N,N'-ditallow alkoyldiethylenetriamine and 1-tallowamidoethyl-2-tallowimidazoline can be obtained from Witco Chemical Company as experimental chemicals. Methyl-1-tallowamidoethyl-2-tallowimidazolinium methylsulfate is sold by Witco Chemical Company under the tradename Varisoft® 475.

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 \text{O} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{N}^{(+)} - \text{CH}_2 \\
 || \qquad \qquad \qquad / \quad \backslash \\
 \text{R}' - \text{C} - \text{G} - \text{R}^2 \quad \text{R}^5
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{X}^{(-)}$$

wherein each R^2_a is a C_{1-6} alkylene group, preferably an ethylene group; and G is an oxygen atom or an -NR- group; and each R , R^1_a , R^2_a and R^5_a have the definitions given above and A- has the definitions given above for X.

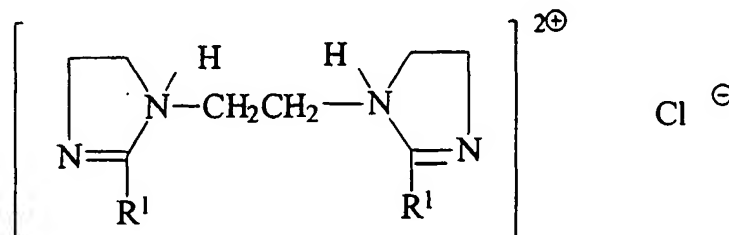
An example of Compound (ii) is 1-oleylamidoethyl-2-oleylimidazolium chloride wherein R^1_a is an acyclic aliphatic C_{15} - C_{17} hydrocarbon group, R^2_a is an ethylene group, G is a NH group, R^5_a is a methyl group and A^-_a is a chloride anion.

(iii)- softener having the formula:



wherein R , $R^1_{\hat{a}}$, $R^2_{\hat{a}}$, and $A^-_{\hat{a}}$ are defined as above.

[0104] An example of Compound (iii) is the compound having the formula:



wherein R¹_a is derived from oleic acid.

[0105] Additional fabric softening materials may be used in addition or alternatively to the cationic fabric softener. These may be selected from nonionic, amphoteric or anionic fabric softening material. Disclosure of such materials may be found in US 4,327,133; US 4,421,792; US 4,426,299; US 4,460,485; US 3,644,203; US 4,661,269; U.S. 4,439,335; U.S. 3,861,870; US 4,308,151; US 3,886,075; US 4,233,164; US 4,401,578; US 3,974,076; US 4,237,016 and EP 472,178.

[0106] Typically, such nonionic fabric softener materials have an HLB of from 2 to 9, more typically from 3 to 7. Such nonionic fabric softener materials tend to be readily dispersed either by themselves, or when combined with other materials such as single-long-chain alkyl cationic surfactant described in detail hereinafter. Dispersibility can be improved by using more single-long-chain alkyl cationic surfactant, mixture with other materials as set forth hereinafter, use of hotter water, and/or more agitation. In general, the materials selected should be relatively crystalline, higher melting, (e.g. >40°C) and relatively water-insoluble.

[0107] Preferred nonionic softeners are fatty acid partial esters of polyhydric alcohols, or anhydrides thereof, wherein the alcohol, or anhydride, contains from 2 to 18, preferably from 2 to 8, carbon atoms, and each fatty acid moiety contains from 12 to 30, preferably from 16 to 20, carbon atoms. Typically, such softeners contain from one to 3, preferably 2 fatty acid groups per molecule.

[0108] The polyhydric alcohol portion of the ester can be ethylene glycol, glycerol, poly (e.g., di-, tri-, tetra-, penta-, and/or hexa-) glycerol, xylitol, sucrose, erythritol, pentaerythritol, sorbitol or sorbitan. Sorbitan esters and polyglycerol monostearate are particularly preferred.

[0109] The fatty acid portion of the ester is normally derived from fatty acids having from 12 to 30, preferably from 16 to 20, carbon atoms, typical examples of said fatty acids being lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and behenic acid.

Highly preferred optional nonionic softening agents for use in the present invention are the sorbitan esters, which are esterified dehydration products of sorbitol, and the glycerol esters.

[0110] Commercial sorbitan monostearate is a suitable material. Mixtures of sorbitan stearate and sorbitan palmitate having stearate/palmitate weight ratios varying between 10:1 and 1:10, and 1,5-sorbitan esters are also useful.

[0111] Glycerol and polyglycerol esters, especially glycerol, diglycerol, triglycerol, and polyglycerol mono- and/or di-esters, preferably mono-, are preferred herein (e.g. polyglycerol monostearate with a trade name of Radiesurf 7248).

[0112] Useful glycerol and polyglycerol esters include mono-esters with stearic, oleic, palmitic, lauric, isostearic, myristic, and/or behenic acids and the diesters of stearic, oleic, palmitic, lauric, isostearic, behenic, and/or myristic acids. It is understood that the typical mono-ester contains some di- and tri-ester, etc.

[0113] The "glycerol esters" also include the polyglycerol, e.g., diglycerol through octaglycerol esters. The polyglycerol polyols are formed by condensing glycerin or epichlorohydrin together to link the glycerol moieties via ether linkages. The mono- and/or diesters of the polyglycerol polyols are preferred, the fatty acyl groups typically being those described hereinbefore for the sorbitan and glycerol esters.

[0114] Further fabric softening components suitable for use herein are the softening clays, such as the low ion-exchange-capacity ones described in EP-A-0,150,531.

[0115] Of course, the term "softening active" can also encompass mixed softening active agents.

[0116] Preferred among the classes of softener compounds disclosed herein before are the diester or diamido quaternary ammonium fabric softening active compound (DEQA).

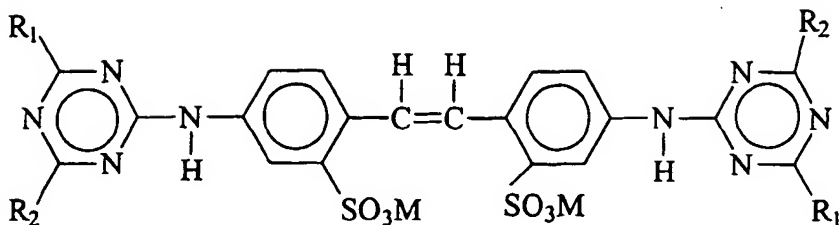
[0117] The fabric softener compounds herein are present at levels of from 1% to 80% of compositions herein, depending on the composition execution which can be dilute with a preferred level of active from 5% to 15%, or concentrated, with a preferred level of active from 15% to 50%, most preferably 15% to 35% by weight of the composition.

[0118] Fully formulated softening compositions preferably contain, in addition to the hereinbefore described components, one or more of the following ingredients.

(A) Brighteners

[0119] The compositions herein can also optionally contain from 0.005% to 5% by weight of certain types of hydrophilic optical brighteners which also provide a dye transfer inhibition action. If used, the compositions herein will preferably comprise from 0.001% to 1% by weight of such optical brighteners.

The hydrophilic optical brighteners useful in the present invention are those having the structural formula:



wherein R_1 is selected from anilino, N-2-bis-hydroxyethyl and NH-2-hydroxyethyl; R_2 is selected from N-2-bis-hydroxyethyl, N-2-hydroxyethyl-N-methylamino, morphilino, chloro and amino; and M is a salt-forming cation such as sodium or potassium.

When in the above formula, R_1 is anilino, R_2 is N-2-bis-hydroxyethyl and M is a cation such as sodium, the brightener is 4,4'-bis[(4-anilino-6-(N-2-bis-hydroxyethyl)-s-triazine-2-yl)amino]-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid and disodium salt. This particular brightener species is commercially marketed under the tradename Tinopal-UNPA-GX® by Ciba-Geigy Corporation. Tinopal-UNPA-GX is the preferred hydrophilic optical brightener useful in the rinse added compositions herein.

When in the above formula, R_1 is anilino, R_2 is N-2-hydroxyethyl-N-2-methylamino and M is a cation such as sodium, the brightener is 4,4'-bis[(4-anilino-6-(N-2-hydroxyethyl-N-methylamino)-s-triazine-2-yl)amino]-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid disodium salt. This particular brightener species is commercially marketed under the tradename Tinopal 5BM-GX® by Ciba-Geigy Corporation.

When in the above formula, R_1 is anilino, R_2 is morphilino and M is a cation such as sodium, the brightener is 4,4'-bis[(4-anilino-6-morphilino-s-triazine-2-yl)amino]-2,2'-stilbenedisulfonic acid, sodium salt. This particular brightener species is commercially marketed under the tradename Tinopal AMS-GX® by Ciba Geigy Corporation.

(B) Dispersibility Aids

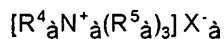
[0120] Relatively concentrated compositions containing both saturated and unsaturated diester quaternary ammonium compounds can be prepared that are stable without the addition of concentration aids. However, the compositions of the present invention may require organic and/or inorganic concentration aids to go to even higher concentrations and/or to meet higher stability standards depending on the other ingredients. These concentration aids which typically can be viscosity modifiers may be needed, or preferred, for ensuring stability under extreme conditions when particular softener active levels are used. The surfactant concentration aids are typically selected from the group consisting of (1) single long chain alkyl cationic surfactants; (2) nonionic surfactants; (3) amine oxides; (4) fatty acids; and (5) mixtures thereof. These aids are described in WO 94/20597, specifically on page 14, line 12 to page 20, line 12, which is herein incorporated by reference.

[0121] When said dispersibility aids are present, the total level is from 2% to 25%, preferably from 3% to 17%, more preferably from 4% to 15%, and even more preferably from 5% to 13% by weight of the composition. These materials can either be added as part of the active softener raw material, (I), e.g., the mono-long chain alkyl cationic surfactant and/or the fatty acid which are reactants used to form the biodegradable fabric softener active as discussed hereinbefore, or added as a separate component. The total level of dispersibility aid includes any amount that may be present as part of component (I).

(1) Mono-Alkyl Cationic Quaternary Ammonium Compound

When the mono-alkyl cationic quaternary ammonium compound is present, it is typically present at a level of from 2% to 25%, preferably from 3% to 17%, more preferably from 4% to 15%, and even more preferably from 5% to 13% by weight of the composition, the total mono-alkyl cationic quaternary ammonium compound being at least at an effective level.

Such mono-alkyl cationic quaternary ammonium compounds useful in the present invention are, preferably, quaternary ammonium salts of the general formula:



wherein

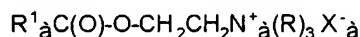
R^4_a is C_8 - C_{22} alkyl or alkenyl group, preferably C_{10} - C_{18} alkyl or alkenyl group; more preferably C_{10} - C_{14} or C_{16} - C_{18} alkyl or alkenyl group;

each R^5_a is a C_1 - C_6 alkyl or substituted alkyl group (e.g., hydroxy alkyl), preferably C_1 - C_3 alkyl group, e.g., methyl (most preferred), ethyl, propyl, and the like, a benzyl group, hydrogen, a polyethoxylated chain with from 2 to 20 oxyethylene units, preferably from 2.5 to 13 oxyethylene units, more preferably from 3 to 10 oxyethylene units, and mixtures thereof; and

X^{-}_a is as defined hereinbefore for (Formula (I)).

Especially preferred dispersibility aids are monolauryl trimethyl ammonium chloride and monotallow trimethyl ammonium chloride available from Witco under the trade names Adogen® 412 and Adogen® 471, monooleyl or monocanola trimethyl ammonium chloride available from Witco under the tradename Adogen® 417, monococonut trimethyl ammonium chloride available from Witco under the trade name Adogen® 461, and monosoya trimethyl ammonium chloride available from Witco under the trade name Adogen® 415.

The R^4_a group can also be attached to the cationic nitrogen atom through a group containing one, or more, ester, amide, ether, amine, etc., linking groups which can be desirable for increased concentratability of component (I), etc. Such linking groups are preferably within from one to three carbon atoms of the nitrogen atom. Mono-alkyl cationic quaternary ammonium compounds also include C_8 - C_{22} alkyl choline esters. The preferred dispersibility aids of this type have the formula:



wherein R^1_a , R and X^{-}_a are as defined previously.

Highly preferred dispersibility aids include C_{12} - C_{14} coco choline ester and C_{16} - C_{18} tallow choline ester.

Suitable biodegradable single-long-chain alkyl dispersibility aids containing an ester linkage in the long chains are described in U.S. 4,840,738, said patent being incorporated herein by reference.

When the dispersibility aid comprises alkyl choline esters, preferably the compositions also contain a small amount, preferably from 2% to 5% by weight of the composition, of organic acid. Organic acids are described in EP.404,471, which is herein incorporated by reference. Preferably the organic acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, and mixtures thereof.

Ethoxylated quaternary ammonium compounds which can serve as the dispersibility aid include ethylbis(polyethoxy ethanol)alkylammonium ethylsulfate with 17 moles of ethylene oxide, available under the trade name Variquat® 66 from Witco Corporation; polyethylene glycol (15) oleammonium chloride, available under the trade name Ethoquad® 0/25 from Akzo; and polyethylene glycol (15) cocomonium chloride, available under the trade name Ethoquad® C/25 from Akzo.

Quaternary compounds having only a single long alkyl chain, can protect the cationic softener from interacting with anionic surfactants and/or detergent builders that are carried over into the rinse from the wash solution.

(2) Nonionic Surfactant (Alkoxyated Materials)

Suitable nonionic surfactants to serve as the viscosity/dispersibility modifier include addition products of ethylene oxide and, optionally, propylene oxide, with fatty alcohols, fatty acids, fatty amines, etc. They are referred to herein as ethoxylated fatty alcohols, ethoxylated fatty acids, and ethoxylated fatty amines.

Any of the alkoxyated materials of the particular type described hereinafter can be used as the nonionic surfactant. In general terms, the nonionics herein, when used alone, in liquid compositions are at a level of from 0% to 5%, preferably from 0.1% to 5%, more preferably from 0.2% to 3%. Suitable compounds are substantially water-soluble surfactants of the general formula:



wherein R^2_a for both solid and liquid compositions is selected from the group consisting of primary, secondary and branched chain alkyl and/or acyl hydrocarbyl groups; primary, secondary and branched chain alkenyl hydrocarbyl groups; and primary, secondary and branched chain alkyl- and alkenyl-substituted phenolic hydrocarbyl groups; said hydrocarbyl groups having a hydrocarbyl chain length of from 8 to 20, preferably from 10 to 18 carbon atoms. More preferably the hydrocarbyl chain length for liquid compositions is from 16 to 18 carbon atoms and for solid compositions from 10 to 14 carbon atoms. In the general formula for the ethoxylated nonionic surfactants herein, Y is typically -O-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)N(R)-, or -C(O)N(R)R-, preferably -O-, and in which R^2_a , and R, when present, have the meanings given hereinbefore, and/or R can be hydrogen, and z is at least 8, preferably at least 10-11. Performance and, usually, stability of the softener composition decrease when fewer ethoxylate groups are present.

The nonionic surfactants herein are characterized by an HLB (hydrophilic-lipophilic balance) of from 7 to 20, preferably from 8 to 15. Of course, by defining R^2_a and the number of ethoxylate groups, the HLB of the surfactant is, in general, determined. However, it is to be noted that the nonionic ethoxylated surfactants useful herein, for concentrated liquid compositions, contain relatively long chain R^2_a groups and are relatively highly ethoxylated. While shorter alkyl chain surfactants having short ethoxylated groups can possess the requisite HLB, they are not as effective herein.

Nonionic surfactants as the viscosity/dispersibility modifiers are preferred over the other modifiers disclosed herein for compositions with higher levels of perfume.

Examples of nonionic surfactants follow. The nonionic surfactants of this invention are not limited to these examples. In the examples, the integer defines the number of ethoxy (EO) groups in the molecule.

(3) Amine Oxides

Suitable amine oxides include those with one alkyl or hydroxyalkyl moiety of 8 to 22 carbon atoms, preferably from 10 to 18 carbon atoms, more preferably from 8 to 14 carbon atoms, and two alkyl moieties selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups and hydroxyalkyl groups with 1 to 3 carbon atoms. Examples include dimethyloctylamine oxide, diethyldecylamine oxide, bis-(2-hydroxyethyl)dodecyl-amine oxide, dimethyldodecylamine oxide, dipropyl-tetradecylamine oxide, methylethylhexadecylamine oxide, dimethyl-2-hydroxyoctadecylamine oxide, and coconut fatty alkyl dimethylamine oxide.

(C) Stabilizers

[0122] Stabilizers can be present in the compositions of the present invention. The term "stabilizer," as used herein, includes antioxidants and reductive agents. These agents are present at a level of from 0% to 2%, preferably from 0.01% to 0.2%, more preferably from 0.035% to 0.1% for antioxidants, and more preferably from 0.01% to 0.2% for reductive agents. These assure good odor stability under long term storage conditions. Antioxidants and reductive agent stabilizers are especially critical for unscented or low scent products (no or low perfume).

Examples of antioxidants that can be added to the compositions of this invention include a mixture of ascorbic acid, ascorbic palmitate, propyl gallate, available from Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., under the trade names Tenox® PG and Tenox® S-1; a mixture of BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene), BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole), propyl gallate, and citric acid, available from Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., under the trade name Tenox®-6; butylated hydroxytoluene, available from UOP Process Division under the trade name Sustane® BHT; tertiary butylhydroquinone, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., as Tenox® TBHQ; natural tocopherols, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., as Tenox® GT-1/GT-2; and butylated hydroxyanisole, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc., as BHA; long chain esters (C₈-C₂₂) of gallic acid, e.g., dodecyl gallate; Irganox® 1010; Irganox® 1035; Irganox® B 1171; Irganox® 1425; Irganox® 3114; Irganox® 3125; and mixtures thereof, preferably Irganox® 3125, Irganox® 1425, Irganox® 3114, and mixtures thereof, more preferably Irganox® 3125 alone or mixed with citric acid and/or other chelators such as isopropyl citrate, Dequest® 2010, available from Monsanto with a chemical name of 1-hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-diphosphonic acid (etidronic acid), and Tiron®, available from Kodak with a chemical name of 4,5-dihydroxy-m-benzene-sulfonic acid/sodium salt, and DTPA®, available from Aldrich with a chemical name of diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid.

(D) Soil Release Agent

[0123] In the present invention, an optional soil release agent can be added. Typical levels of incorporation in the composition are from 0% to 10%, preferably from 0.2% to 5%, of a soil release agent. Preferably, such a soil release agent is a polymer.

[0124] Soil Release agents are desirably used in fabric softening compositions of the instant invention. Any polymeric soil release agent known to those skilled in the art can optionally be employed in the compositions of this invention. Polymeric soil release agents are characterized by having both hydrophilic segments, to hydrophilize the surface of hydrophobic fibers, such as polyester and nylon, and hydrophobic segments, to deposit upon hydrophobic fibers and remain adhered thereto through completion of washing and rinsing cycles and, thus, serve as an anchor for the hydrophilic segments. This can enable stains occurring subsequent to treatment with the soil release agent to be more easily cleaned in later washing procedures.

[0125] If utilized, soil release agents will generally comprise from about 0.01 % to about 10.0%, by weight, of the detergent compositions herein, typically from about 0.1% to about 5%, preferably from about 0.2% to about 3.0%.

[0126] The following, all included herein by reference, describe soil release polymers suitable for use in the present invention. U.S. 3,959,230 Hays, issued May 25, 1976; U.S. 3,893,929 Basadur, issued July 8, 1975; U.S. 4,000,093, Nicol, *et al.*, issued December 28, 1976; U.S. Patent 4,702,857 Gosselink, issued October 27, 1987; U.S. 4,968,451, Scheibel *et al.*, issued November 6, 1987; U.S. 4,702,857, Gosselink, issued October 27, 1987; U.S. 4,711,730, Gosselink *et al.*, issued December 8, 1987; U.S. 4,721,580, Gosselink, issued January 26, 1988; U.S. 4,877,896, Maldonado *et al.*, issued October 31, 1989; U.S. 4,956,447, Gosselink *et al.*, issued September 11, 1990; U.S. 5,415,807 Gosselink *et al.*, issued May 16, 1995; European Patent Application 0 219 048, published April 22, 1987 by Kud, *et al.*

[0127] Further suitable soil release agents are described in U.S. 4,201,824, Violland *et al.*; U.S. 4,240,918 Lagasse *et al.*; U.S. 4,525,524 Tung *et al.*; U.S. 4,579,681, Ruppert *et al.*; U.S. 4,240,918; U.S. 4,787,989; U.S. 4,525,524; EP 279,134 A, 1988, to Rhone-Poulenc Chemie; EP 457,205 A to BASF (1991); and DE 2,335,044 to Unilever N.V., 1974 all incorporated herein by reference.

[0128] Commercially available soil release agents include the METOLOSE SM100, METOLOSE SM200 manufactured by Shin-etsu Kagaku Kogyo K.K., SOKALAN type of material, e.g., SOKALAN HP-22, available from BASF (Germany), ZELCON 5126 (from Dupont) and MILEASE T (from ICI).

(E) Scum Dispersant

[0129] In the present invention, the premix can be combined with an optional scum dispersant, other than the soil release agent, and heated to a temperature at or above the melting point(s) of the components.

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The preferred scum dispersants herein are formed by highly ethoxylating hydrophobic materials. The hydrophobic material can be a fatty alcohol, fatty acid, fatty amine, fatty acid amide, amine oxide, quaternary ammonium compound, or the hydrophobic moieties used to form soil release polymers. The preferred scum dispersants are highly ethoxylated, e.g., more than 17, preferably more than 25, more preferably more than 40, moles of ethylene oxide per molecule on the average, with the polyethylene oxide portion being from 76% to 97%, preferably from 81% to 94%, of the total molecular weight.

The level of scum dispersant is sufficient to keep the scum at an acceptable, preferably unnoticeable to the consumer, level under the conditions of use, but not enough to adversely affect softening. For some purposes it is desirable that the scum is nonexistent. Depending on the amount of anionic or nonionic detergent, etc., used in the wash cycle of a typical laundering process, the efficiency of the rinsing steps prior to the introduction of the compositions herein, and the water hardness, the amount of anionic or nonionic detergent surfactant and detergency builder (especially phosphates and zeolites) entrapped in the fabric (laundry) will vary. Normally, the minimum amount of scum dispersant should be used to avoid adversely affecting softening properties. Typically scum dispersion requires at least 2%, preferably at least 4% (at least 6% and preferably at least 10% for maximum scum avoidance) based upon the level of softener active. However, at levels of 10% (relative to the softener material) or more, one risks loss of softening efficacy of the product especially when the fabrics contain high proportions of nonionic surfactant which has been absorbed during the washing operation.

Preferred scum dispersants are: Brij 700®; Varonic U-250®; Genapol T-500®, Genapol T-800®; Plurafac A-79®; and Neodol 25-50®.

(F) Bactericides

[0130] Examples of bactericides used in the compositions of this invention include glutaraldehyde, formaldehyde, 2-bromo-2-nitro-propane-1,3-diol sold by Inolex Chemicals, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the trade name Bronopol®, and a mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazoline-3-one and 2-methyl-4-isothiazoline-3-one sold by Rohm and Haas Company under the trade name Kathon 1 to 1,000 ppm by weight of the agent.

(G) Perfume

[0131] The present invention can contain any softener compatible perfume. Suitable perfumes are disclosed in U.S. Pat. 5,500,138, said patent being incorporated herein by reference.

As used herein, perfume includes fragrant substance or mixture of substances including natural (i.e., obtained by extraction of flowers, herbs, leaves, roots, barks, wood, blossoms or plants), artificial (i.e., a mixture of different nature oils or oil constituents) and synthetic (i.e., synthetically produced) odoriferous substances. Such materials are often accompanied by auxiliary materials, such as fixatives, extenders, stabilizers and solvents. These auxiliaries are also included within the meaning of "perfume", as used herein. Typically, perfumes are complex mixtures of a plurality of organic compounds.

Examples of perfume ingredients useful in the perfumes of the present invention compositions include, but are not limited to, hexyl cinnamic aldehyde; amyl cinnamic aldehyde; amyl salicylate; hexyl salicylate; terpineol; 3,7-dimethyl-*cis*-2,6-octadien-1-ol; 2,6-dimethyl-2-octanol; 2,6-dimethyl-7-octen-2-ol; 3,7-dimethyl-3-octanol; 3,7-dimethyl-*trans*-2,6-octadien-1-ol; 3,7-dimethyl-6-octen-1-ol; 3,7-dimethyl-1-octanol; 2-methyl-3-(para-*tert*-butylphenyl)-propionaldehyde; 4-(4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl)-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde; tricyclodecanyl propionate; tricyclodecanyl acetate; anisaldehyde; 2-methyl-2-(para-*iso*-propylphenyl)-propionaldehyde; ethyl-3-methyl-3-phenyl glycidate; 4-(para-hydroxyphenyl)-butan-2-one; 1-(2,6,6-trimethyl-2-cyclohexen-1-yl)-2-buten-1-one; para-methoxyacetophenone; para-methoxy- α -phenylpropene; methyl-2-n-hexyl-3-oxo-cyclopentane carboxylate; undecalactone gamma.

Additional examples of fragrance materials include, but are not limited to, orange oil; lemon oil; grapefruit oil; bergamot oil; clove oil; dodecalactone gamma; methyl-2-(2-pentyl-3-oxo-cyclopentyl) acetate; beta-naphthol methylether; methyl-beta-naphthylketone; coumarin; decylaldehyde; benzaldehyde; 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexyl acetate; alpha,alpha-dimethylphenethyl acetate; methylphenylcarbinyl acetate; Schiffs base of 4-(4-hydroxy-4-methylpentyl)-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde and methyl anthranilate; cyclic ethyleneglycol diester of tridecandioic acid; 3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene-1-nitrile; ionone gamma methyl; ionone alpha; ionone beta; petitgrain; methyl cedrylone; 7-acetyl-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydro-1,1,6,7-tetramethyl-naphthalene; ionone methyl; methyl-1,6,10-trimethyl-2,5,9-cyclododecatrien-1-yl ketone; 7-acetyl-1,1,3,4,4,6-hexamethyl tetralin; 4-acetyl-6-*tert*-butyl-1,1-dimethyl indane; benzophenone; 6-acetyl-1,1,2,3,3,5-hexamethyl indane; 5-acetyl-3-isopropyl-1,1,2,6-tetramethyl indane; 1-dodecanal; 7-hydroxy-3,7-dimethyl octanal; 10-undecen-1-al; iso-hexenyl cyclohexyl carboxaldehyde; formyl tricyclodecan; cyclopentadecanolide; 16-hydroxy-9-hexadecenoic acid lactone; 1,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydro-4,6,6,7,8,8-hexamethylcyclopenta-gamma-2-benzopyrane; ambroxane; dodecahydro-3a,6,6,9a-tetramethylnaphtho-[2,1b]furan; cedrol; 5-(2,2,3-trimethylcyclopent-3-enyl)-3-methylpentan-2-ol; 2-ethyl-4-(2,2,3-trimethyl-3-cyclopenten-1-yl)-2-buten-1-ol; caryophyllene alcohol; cedryl acetate; para-*tert*-butylcyclohexyl acetate; patchouli; olibanum resinoid; labdanum; vetiver; copaiba balsam; fir balsam; and condensation products of: hydroxycitronellal and methyl anthranilate; hydroxycitronellal and indol; phenyl acetaldehyde and indol; 4-(4-hydroxy-4-methyl pentyl)-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde and methyl anthranilate.

More examples of perfume components are geraniol; geranyl acetate; linalool; linalyl acetate; tetrahydrolinalool; citronellol; citronellyl acetate; dihydromyrcenol; dihydromyrcenyl acetate; tetrahydromyrcenol; terpinyl acetate; nopol; nopyl acetate; 2-phenylethanol; 2-phenylethyl acetate; benzyl alcohol; benzyl acetate; benzyl salicylate; benzyl benzoate; styrallyl acetate; dimethylbenzylcarbinol; trichloromethylphenylcarbinyl methylphenylcarbinyl acetate;

isononyl acetate; vetiveryl acetate; vetiverol; 2-methyl-3-(p-tert-butylphenyl)-propanal; 2-methyl-3-(p-isopropylphenyl)-propanal; 3-(p-tert-butylphenyl)-propanal; 4-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)-3-cyclohexenecarbaldehyde; 4-acetoxy-3-pentyltetrahydropyran; methyl dihydrojasmonate; 2-n-heptylcyclopentanone; 3-methyl-2-pentyl-cyclopentanone; n-decanal; n-dodecanal; 9-decenol-1; phenoxyethyl isobutyrate; phenylacetaldehyde dimethylacetal; phenylacetaldehyde diethylacetal; geranonitrile; citronellonitrile; cedryl acetal; 3-isocamphylcyclohexanol; cedryl methylether; isolongifolanone; aubepine nitrile; aubepine; heliotropine; eugenol; vanillin; diphenyl oxide; hydroxycitronellal ionones; methyl ionones; isomethyl ionones; irones; cis-3-hexenol and esters thereof; indane musk fragrances; tetralin musk fragrances; isochroman musk fragrances; macrocyclic ketones; macrolactone musk fragrances; ethylene brassylate.

The perfumes useful in the present invention compositions are substantially free of halogenated materials and nitromusks.

Suitable solvents, diluents or carriers for perfumes ingredients mentioned above are for examples, ethanol, isopropanol, diethylene glycol, monoethyl ether, dipropylene glycol, diethyl phthalate, triethyl citrate, etc. The amount of such solvents, diluents or carriers incorporated in the perfumes is preferably kept to the minimum needed to provide a homogeneous perfume solution.

Perfume can be present at a level of from 0% to 10%, preferably from 0.1% to 5%, and more preferably from 0.2% to 3%, by weight of the finished composition. Fabric softener compositions of the present invention provide improved fabric perfume deposition.

(H) Chelating Agents

[0132] The compositions and processes herein can optionally employ one or more copper and/or nickel chelating agents ("chelators"). Such water-soluble chelating agents can be selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylates, amino phosphonates, polyfunctionally-substituted aromatic chelating agents and mixtures thereof, all as hereinafter defined. The whiteness and/or brightness of fabrics are substantially improved or restored by such chelating agents and the stability of the materials in the compositions are improved. Without intending to be bound by theory, it is believed that the benefit of these materials is due in part to their exceptional ability to remove iron and manganese ions from washing solutions by formation of soluble chelates.

[0133] Amino carboxylates useful as optional chelating agents include ethylenediaminetetracetates, N-hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetates, nitrilotriacetates, ethylenediamine tetrapropionates, triethylenetetraaminehexacetates, diethylenetriaminepentaacetates, and ethanoldiglycines, alkali metal, ammonium, and substituted ammonium salts therein and mixtures therein.

[0134] Amino phosphonates are also suitable for use as chelating agents in the compositions of the invention when at least low levels of total phosphorus are permitted in detergent compositions, and include ethylenediaminetetrakis (methylenephosphonates) as DEQUEST. Preferred, these amino phosphonates do not contain alkyl or alkenyl groups with more than about 6 carbon atoms.

[0135] Polyfunctionally-substituted aromatic chelating agents are also useful in the compositions herein. See U.S. Patent 3,812,044, issued May 21, 1974, to Connor et al. Preferred compounds of this type in acid form are dihydroxydisulfobenzenes such as 1,2-dihydroxy-3,5-disulfobenzene.

[0136] A preferred biodegradable chelator for use herein is ethylenediamine disuccinate ("EDDS"), especially the [S,S] isomer as described in U.S. Patent 4,704,233, November 3, 1987, to Hartman and Perkins.

[0137] The compositions herein may also contain water-soluble methyl glycine diacetic acid (MGDA) salts (or acid form) as a chelant or co-builder useful with, for example, insoluble builders such as zeolites, layered silicates and the like.

[0138] Preferred chelating agents include DETMP, DETPA, NTA, EDDS and mixtures thereof.

[0139] If utilized, these chelating agents will generally comprise from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight of the fabric care compositions herein. More preferably, if utilized, the chelating agents will comprise from about 0.1% to about 3.0% by weight of such compositions.

(I) Crystal growth inhibitor component

[0140] The compositions of the present invention can further contain a crystal growth inhibitor component, preferably an organodiphosphonic acid component, incorporated preferably at a level of from 0.01% to 5%, more preferably from 0.1% to 2% by weight of the compositions.

[0141] By organo diphosphonic acid it is meant herein an organo diphosphonic acid which does not contain nitrogen as part of its chemical structure. This definition therefore excludes the organo aminophosphonates, which however may be included in compositions of the invention as heavy metal ion sequestrant components.

[0142] The organo diphosphonic acid is preferably a C₁-C₄ diphosphonic acid, more preferably a C₂ diphosphonic acid, such as ethylene diphosphonic acid, or most preferably ethane 1-hydroxy-1,1-diphosphonic acid (HEDP) and may be present in partially or fully ionized form, particularly as a salt or complex.

[0143] Still useful herein as crystal growth inhibitor are the organic monophosphonic acid. Organo monophosphonic acid or one of its salts or complexes is also suitable for use herein as a CGI.

[0144] By organo monophosphonic acid it is meant herein an organo monophosphonic acid which does not contain nitrogen as part of its chemical structure. This definition therefore excludes the organo aminophosphonates, which however may be included in compositions of the invention as heavy metal ion sequestrants.

[0145] The organo monophosphonic acid component may be present in its acid form or in the form of one of its salts or complexes with a suitable counter cation. Preferably any salts/complexes are water soluble, with the alkali metal and alkaline earth metal salts/complexes being especially preferred.

[0146] A preferred organo monophosphonic acid is 2-phosphonobutane-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid commercially available from Bayer under the tradename of Bayhibit.

(J)-Enzyme

[0147] The compositions and processes herein can optionally employ one or more enzymes such as lipases, proteases, cellulase, amylases and peroxidases. A preferred enzyme for use herein is a cellulase enzyme. Indeed, this type of enzyme will further provide a color care benefit to the treated fabric. Cellulases usable herein include both bacterial and fungal types, preferably having a pH optimum between 5 and 9.5. U.S. 4,435,307 discloses suitable fungal cellulases from *Humicola insolens* or *Humicola* strain DSM1800 or a cellulase 212-producing fungus belonging to the genus *Aeromonas*, and cellulase extracted from the hepatopancreas of a marine mollusk, *Dolabella Auricula Solander*. Suitable cellulases are also disclosed in GB-A-2.075.028; GB-A-2.095.275 and DE-OS-2.247.832. CAREZYME® and CELLUZYME® (Novo) are especially useful. Other suitable cellulases are also disclosed in WO 91/17243 to Novo, WO 96/34092, WO 96/34945 and EP-A-0,739,982. In practical terms for current commercial preparations, typical amounts are up to 5 mg by weight, more typically 0.01 mg to 3 mg, of active enzyme per gram of the detergent composition. Stated otherwise, the compositions herein will typically comprise from 0.001% to 5%, preferably 0.01%-1% by weight of a commercial enzyme preparation. In the particular cases where activity of the enzyme preparation can be defined otherwise such as with cellulases, corresponding activity units are preferred (e.g. CEVU or cellulase Equivalent Viscosity Units). For instance, the compositions of the present invention can contain cellulase enzymes at a level equivalent to an activity from 0.5 to 1000 CEVU/gram of composition. Cellulase enzyme preparations used for the purpose of formulating the compositions of this invention typically have an activity comprised between 1,000 and 10,000 CEVU/gram in liquid form, around 1,000 CEVU/gram in solid form.

(K) Liquid carrier

[0148] Another optional, but preferred, ingredient is a liquid carrier. The liquid carrier employed in the instant compositions is preferably at least primarily water due to its low cost, relative availability, safety, and environmental compatibility. The level of water in the liquid carrier is preferably at least 50%, most preferably at least 60%, by weight of the carrier. Mixtures of water and low molecular weight, e.g., <200, organic solvent, e.g., lower alcohols such as ethanol, propanol, isopropanol or butanol are useful as the carrier liquid. Low molecular weight alcohols include monohydric, dihydric (glycol, etc.) trihydric (glycerol, etc.), and higher polyhydric (polyols) alcohols.

(L) Other Optional Ingredients

[0149] The present invention can include optional components conventionally used in textile treatment compositions, for example: colorants; preservatives; surfactants; anti-shrinkage agents; fabric crisping agents; spotting agents; germicides; fungicides; anti-oxidants such as butylated hydroxy toluene, anticorrosion agents, enzyme stabilisers, materials effective for inhibiting the transfer of dyes from one fabric to another during the cleaning process (i.e., dye transfer inhibiting agents), hydrotropes, processing aids, dyes or pigments, and the like.

[0150] The present invention can also include other compatible ingredients, including those as disclosed in WO96/02625, WO96/21714, and WO96/21715.

Method of use

[0151] Also provided herein is a method for providing a delayed release of an active ketone or aldehyde which comprises the step of contacting the surface to be treated with a compound or composition of the invention, and thereafter subjecting the treated surface with a material, preferably an aqueous medium like moisture or any other means susceptible of releasing the perfume from the amine reaction product.

[0152] By "surface", it is meant any surface onto which the compound can deposit. Typical examples of such material are fabrics, hard surfaces such as dishware, floors, bathrooms, toilet, kitchen and other surfaces in need of a delayed release of an active ketone or aldehyde such as that with litter like animal litter. Preferably, the surface is a fabric.

[0153] By "delayed release" is meant release of the active component (e.g perfume) over a longer period of time than by the use of the active (e.g., perfume) itself.

Abbreviations used in the following invention composition Examples

[0154] In the composition examples, the abbreviated component identifications have the following meanings:

DEQA	Di-(tallowyl-oxy-ethyl) dimethyl ammonium chloride
DTDMAC	Ditallow dimethylammonium chloride
DEQA (2)	Di-(soft-tallowyloxyethyl) hydroxyethyl methyl ammonium methylsulfate.

DTDMAMS	Ditallow dimethyl ammonium methylsulfate.
SDASA	1:2 ratio of stearyl dimethyl amine:triple-pressed stearic acid.
Fatty acid	Stearic acid of IV=0
Electrolyte	Calcium chloride
PEG	Polyethylene Glycol 4000
Neodol 45-13	C14-C15 linear primary alcohol ethoxylate, sold by Shell Chemical CO.
Cellulase	Cellulytic enzyme sold under the tradename Carezyme, Celluzyme and/or Endolase by Novo Nordisk A/S.
Silicone antifoam	Polydimethylsiloxane foam controller with siloxaneoxyalkylene copolymer as dispersing agent with a ratio of said foam controller to said dispersing agent of 10:1 to 100:1.
PEI	Polyethyleneimine with an average molecular weight of 1800 and an average ethoxylation degree of 7 etholeneoxy residues per nitrogen
HEDP	1,1-hydroxyethane diphosphonic acid
ARP1	Amine reaction product of 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-piperazine with α -Damascone as made from Synthesis example I
ARP2	Amine reaction product of N,N'-bis(aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine with δ -Damascone as made from Synthesis example II
ARP3	Amine reaction product of polyvinylamine MW1200 with α -Damascone as made from Synthesis example III

[0155] The following are synthesis examples of compounds as defined in the present invention:

I-Synthesis of 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-piperazine with α -Darnascone

[0156] In order to substitute both primary amine groups with a perfume, 2eq of perfume were used for 1eq of amino functional polymer. To an ice cooled stirred solution of 1mmol of α -Damascone in 6 mL EtOH and molecular sieves (4Å, 20 g), 0.5eq of 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-piperazine was added via an addition funnel. The reaction mixture was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere and protected from light. After the disappearance of the absorption peak from the NMR spectrum of the free perfume raw material (from 3 to 16 hours), the mixture was filtrated and the solvent was removed by vacuum distillation. The yield of β -aminoketone formation is about 90%.

[0157] Similar results were obtained where the α -Damascone was replaced by Tripal, vertocitral, bourgeonal, or citronellal. In these instances, Schiff-bases are formed.

II-Synthesis of N,N'-bis(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine with δ -Damascone

[0158] To an ice cooled solution of 1 mmol of δ -Damascone in 30 mL EtOH and molecular sieves (4Å, 5 g), 0.5eq of the N,N'-bis(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine was added. The reaction was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere and protected from light. After 1 day, the molecular sieves and the solvent were removed by filtration and vacuum distillation respectively. β -Aminoketone were obtained in a 85 to 90% yield.

[0159] Similar results were obtained where the δ -Damascone was replaced by Tripal, vertocitral, bourgeonal, or citronellal. In these instances, Schiff-bases are formed.

III-Synthesis of Polyvinylamine of MW1200 with α -Damascone

[0160] The following ingredients were mixed together : 0.6g of Sodium sulfate with 0.3g of polyvinylamine MW 1200 in a 10% aqueous solution and 0.3g α -Damascone. The reaction was completed after 18 days at room temperature in the dark.

[0161] Similar results were obtained where the α -Damascone was replaced by Tripal, or citral. In these instances, Schiff-bases are formed.

[0162] In the following formulation examples all levels are quoted as % by weight of the composition unless otherwise stated, and incorporation of the amine reaction product so called herein after "ARP" in the fully formulated composition is carried out by dry addition (d), encapsulation in starch (es) as described in GB-1,464,616 or cyclodextrin (ec) or as is in the composition as defined herein before. The term in bracket for the ARP in the formulation examples refers to the means of incorporation. When none is provided, the incorporation is made as it is.

Example 1

[0163] The following fabric softening compositions are in accordance with the present invention

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Component	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
DTDMAC	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	15.0	15.0
DEQA	2.6	2.9	18.0	18.0	19.0	-	-	-
Fatty acid	0.3	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
HCl	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
PEG	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.6	-	0.6	0.6
Perfume	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Silicone antifoam	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
ARP 1	0.3	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.05	-	0.2
ARP 3	-	0.05	-	-	0.2	-	0.4	0.4
Electrolyte (ppm)	-	-	600	600	1200	-	1200	1200
Dye (ppm)	10	10	50	50	50	10	50	50
Water and minors to balance to 100%								

Example 2

[0164] The following rinse added fabric softener composition was prepared according to the present invention :

	I	J	K	L	M
DEQA (2)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
ARP 1	0.5	-	-	0.05	-
ARP 2	-	0.3	-	-	0.04
ARP 3	-	0.1	0.1	-	-
Cellulase	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
HCL	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Silicon Antifoam	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Blue dye	25ppm	25ppm	25ppm	25ppm	25ppm
Electrolyte	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Perfume	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
Miscellaneous and water	Up to 100%				

Example 3

[0165] The following fabric softener compositions were prepared according to the present invention :

	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
DEQA	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Fatty acid	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-	-	-	-
Hydrochloride acid	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
ARP 1	0.02	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.23	0.02
ARP 2	-	0.2	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.05
ARP 3	-	-	0.1	0.05	0.2	0.2	-	0.05
Perfume	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
PEI	-	0.5	0.3	0.3	-	2.0	1.5	1.5
HEDP	-	-	0.05	0.05	-	-	0.3	0.3
Silicone antifoam	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Electrolyte	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

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	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
Dye	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	25 ppm	25 ppm	25 ppm	25 ppm
Water and minors	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Example 4

[0166] The following dryer added fabric conditioner compositions were prepared according to the present invention :

	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	BB
DEQA(2)	-	-	-	-	51.8	51.8	51.8
DTMAMS	-	-	26.0	26.0	-	-	-
SDASA	70.0	70.0	42.0	42.0	40.2	40.2	40.2
Neodol 45-13	13.0	13.0	-	-	-	-	-
Ethanol	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-
ARP 1(es)	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.2	-	-
ARP 2(ec)	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1
ARP 3(es)	-	-	0.05	-	-	0.2	-
Perfume	0.75	0.75	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Glycoperse S-20	-	-	-	-	15.4	15.4	15.4
Glycerol monostearate	-	-	26.0	26.0	-	-	-
Digeranyl Succinate	0.38	0.38	-	-	-	-	-
Clay	-	-	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
Dye	0.01	0.01	-	-	-	-	-

Claims

1. A product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1 % solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol, a Dry Surface Odour Index of more than 5.
2. A softening composition comprising a softening compound, a product of reaction between an amino functional polymer comprising at least one primary amine group and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof, characterised in that said amine compound has an Odour Intensity Index of less than that of a 1% solution of methylantranilate in dipropylene glycol.
3. A composition according to Claim 2, wherein said amine reaction product has a Dry Surface Odour Index of more than 5.
4. A product of reaction or composition according to Claims 1-3 wherein said amino functional polymer comprises more than one amine groups, preferably more than 10 amine groups.
5. A product of reaction or composition according to Claims 1-4 wherein said amino functional polymer has a molecular weight ranging from 150 to 2.10E6; preferably from 400-50,000; more preferably from 600 to 40,000.
6. A product of reaction or composition according to Claim 5, wherein said amino functional polymer is selected from Polyvinylamine with a MW of about 300 to 2.10E6; Polyvinylamine alkoxyated with a MW of about 6K to 30K and an ethoxylation degree of 0.5; Polyvinylamine vinylalcohol in a molar ratio of 2:1; Polyvinylaminevinylformamide in a molar ratio of 1:2; Polyvinylamine vinylformamide in a molar ratio of 2:1; Triethylenetetramine; Diethylenetriamine; Tetraethylenepentamine; bis-aminopropylpiperazine; Polyamino acid (L-lysine / lauric acid in a molar ratio of 10/1); Polyamino acid (L-lysine / aminocaproic acid / adipic acid in a molar ratio of 5/5/1); Polyamino acid (L-lysine / aminocaproic acid /ethylhexanoic acid in a molar ratio of 5/3/1); Polyamino acid (polylysine-cocaprolactam); Amino substituted polyvinylalcohol with a MW ranging from 400-300,000;

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Polyoxyethylene bis [amine]; Polyoxyethylene bis [6-aminoethyl]; N,N'-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine linear or branched; 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl) piperazine; and/or mixtures thereof.

7. A product of reaction or composition according to Claim 6, wherein said amino functional polymer is selected from polyvinylamines with a MW ranging from 600 to 50K; amino substituted polyvinylalcohol with a MW ranging from 400-300,000; polyoxyethylene bis [amine]; polyoxyethylene bis [6-aminoethyl]; N,N'-bis-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3-propanediamine; 1,4-bis-(3-aminopropyl) piperazine, and/or mixtures thereof.
8. A composition according to any one of Claims 2-7, wherein said product of reaction is preformed before incorporation into the fully-formulated composition.
9. A composition according to any one of Claims 2-8, wherein said product of reaction is present in an amount of from 0.001% to 10%, preferably from 0.005% to 5%, and more preferably from 0.01% to 2%, by weight of the composition.
10. A product of reaction or composition according to Claim 1-9, wherein said active component is a perfume aldehyde, preferably selected from 1-decanal, benzaldehyde, florhydral, 2,4-dimethyl-3-cyclohexen-1-carboxaldehyde; cis/trans-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-octadien-1-al; heliotropin; 2,4,6-trimethyl-3-cyclohexene-1-carboxaldehyde; 2,6-nonadienal; alpha-n-amyl cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-n-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, P.T. Bucinal, lylal, cymal, methyl nonyl acetaldehyde, hexanal, trans-2-hexenal, and mixture thereof.
11. A product of reaction or composition according to Claims 1-9, wherein said active component is a perfume ketone, preferably selected from Alpha Damascone, Delta Damascone, Iso Damascone, Carvone, Gamma-Methyl-ionone, Iso-E-Super, 2,4,4,7-Tetramethyl-oct-6-en-3-one, Benzyl Acetone, Beta Damascone, Damasconone, methyl dihydrojasmonate, methyl cedrylone, and mixtures thereof.
12. A product of reaction or composition according to Claims 1-9 wherein said perfume has an Odor Detection Threshold lower than 1ppm, more preferably lower than 10ppb.
13. A product of reaction or composition according to Claim 12 wherein said perfume is selected from undecylenic aldehyde, undecalactone gamma, heliotropin, dodecalactone gamma, p-anisic aldehyde, para hydroxyphenyl-butanone, cymal, benzyl acetone, ionone alpha, p.t.bucinal, damascenone, ionone beta and methyl-nonyl ketone, and/or mixtures thereof.
14. A method of delivering residual fragrance to a surface, which comprises the steps of contacting said surface with a product of reaction between a primary amine compound and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof or composition as defined in any one of Claims 1-13, and thereafter contacting the treated surface with a material so that the perfume from the amine reaction product is released.
15. A method according to Claim 14, wherein said material is water.
16. Use of a compound as defined in any one of Claim 1-7 or 10-12, for the manufacture of a composition for delivering residual fragrance on a surface on which it is applied.
17. Use according to Claim 16, wherein said surface is a fabric.
18. A method of providing improved fabric appearance, improved protection against fabric wear and improved color care to a fabric surface, especially after multiwash cycles, which comprises the steps of contacting said surface with a product of reaction between a primary amine compound and an active component selected from ketone, aldehyde, and mixtures thereof or composition as defined in any one of Claims 1-7 or 10-12.



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